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## OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCES VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

This notice advises the public that the South Carolina Office of Economic Opportunity (SC OEO) will be conducting a public hearing, as required by law, virtually at 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 20, 2021, to formally review the proposed 2022 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State Plan.

To attend the virtual public hearing, go to the following address at the date and time indicated above:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_NTFINDEyN2QtOTQxMy00OTM0LWEzMTItMmZlNjg2NjY0MTI3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e9f8d014-80d8-4f27-b0d6-c3d6c085fcd%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22bb882b44-7784-4544-9909-a4df21abe568%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NTFINDEyN2QtOTQxMy00OTM0LWEzMTItMmZlNjg2NjY0MTI3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22e9f8d014-80d8-4f27-b0d6-c3d6c085fcd%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22bb882b44-7784-4544-9909-a4df21abe568%22%7d). If you do not have internet access, you may attend by dialing 1 (803) 454-9963 using Phone Conference ID: 848 108 502#.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Division of Energy Assistance administers the LIHEAP Program. Federal governing regulations for LIHEAP are the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act, Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, P.L. 97-35, as amended and more recently, the 2005 Energy Policy Act.

The LIHEAP State Plan outlines eligibility requirements, benefit levels and the projected funds for each category of LIHEAP assistance. LIHEAP funds are used to assist eligible households with home energy costs, energy crisis intervention and low-cost residential weatherization.

The proposed LIHEAP 2022 State Plan is available and may be reviewed at [www.oeo.sc.gov](http://www.oeo.sc.gov). A copy of each plan may be requested from the local Community Action Agency in your area.

Prior to the virtual hearing, participants requesting to make public comment during the virtual meeting must call (803-734-0662) and leave their name and telephone number no later than 5 p.m., Aug. 18, 2021. Each speaker will be allowed up to three minutes for comments. Persons desiring to submit comments on the 2022 proposed State Plans may do so in writing before this hearing. Comments may be mailed to the Office of Economic Opportunity at 1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 364 Columbia, SC 29201, or emailed to [oeo@admin.sc.gov](mailto:oeo@admin.sc.gov). All timely written comments submitted by mail or email will be included as part of the official record for this hearing and considered by SC OEO.

For more information, contact the South Carolina Office of Economic Opportunity (803-734-0662).

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